—Rajasthan and some places in Central and Eastern parts of Maharashtra.

OFFSHORE

—Andaman.

—West Bengal.

The results will be known only after the completion of exploratory drilling and testing of wells.

Insurance of LPG Consumers

54 SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) since when the scheme of insurance of registered LPG consumers is in vogue; and what are the conditions appended thereto;

(b) the year-wise break-up of consumers insured under the scheme (in the entire country) state-wise;

(c) the year-wise break-up of cases in which insurance money has been paid in cases of explosion deaths since the start of this scheme and the total amount paid in each case and the number of cases pending;

(d) the year-wise break-up of cases in which insurance could not be paid in cases of explosion deaths alongwith reasons in each case; and

(e) whether it is a fact that wide publicity has not been given about this scheme resulting in non completion of relevant documents which go against the consumers when accidents take place and if some what remedial measures are contemplated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The Scheme has been in vogue in IOC since 1965, in Burmah Shell/ Bharat Petroleum Corporation since 1963 and since 1981-82 in Hindustan Petroleum Corporation. Under the Scheme, all distributors are required to take "third party risk insurance coverage" against any L.P.C. related accident, upto Rs. 10 Lakhs per accident.

(b) to (d) All L.P.G. distributors in the coutry hold this insurance cover in respect of their consumers. Claims relating to LPG accidents are settled between the consumers, the distributor and the insurance company directly. No records are maintained by the Oil Industry.

(e) While publicity to the risk insurance cover available has earlier not been given by the oil marketing companies, consequences of the kind mentioned in this part of the question have not been brought to Government's notice. The oil industry is now publicising the available arrangement through the media and mention on the consumer's subscription voucher.

Complaints about inferior quality of pin type regulators

55. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints that pin type regulators being supplied to LPG consumers give way early as these are made of inferior quality of plastic;

(b) whether complaints had also been received by Government stating that LPG consumers were asked to pay Rs. 75 as cost of the regulators and when some of them were found damaged dealers refused to take responsibility for the quality and dependability thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to improve the quality and to append a guarantee thereto?